The list of awardee teachers for the year 1995 has not been finalised so far. The names of selected teachers will be announced well in time before the conferment of awards which takes place on 5th September (Teachers' Day).

There is no proposal at present to modify the criteria of selection of Teachers/Principals under the Scheme.

Washing allowance to Central Government Employees

728. DR. NAUNIHAL SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government policy with regard to issuing of uniforms to employees and payment of washing allowance is not benefiting the employees in good measure;

(b) if so, what steps Government propose to take in this regard; and

(c) whether the payment of allowance to class-IV and uniform to staff at vulnerable places is not sufficient to meet both the ends; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SMT. MARGARET ALVA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Question does not arise.

(c) and (d) Washing allowance is meant only to subsidize maintenance of uniform by the employees and not reimbursement of actuals incurred.

Transactions of reliance group

729. SHRI GOVIND RAM MIRI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have completed the probe into the transactions of Reliance Group of Industries with the Financial and other Institutions;

(b) if so, what is the outcome thereof and when was the Inquiry Report submitted and by whom;*and

(c) what action has been taken against the guilty officials?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) to (c) The Ministry of Finance (Department of Economic Affairs) have intimated that the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) had ordered on 30.11.1995 inspection of Reliance Consultancy Services Ltd. (RCS), Registrar and Share Transfer Agent for Reliance Industries Ltd. (RIL) for examining the books, records and other documents in connection with issue of duplicate share certificates of RIL. Similarly, SEBI had ordered on 30.11.1995 an inspection of books of accounts, records, documents and computer data of Stock Holding Corporation of India Ltd. (SHCIL) and City Bank NA in connection with the "switching" of shares of RIL held by the Custodians. The Department of Company Affairs assisted SEBI in these inspections.

SEBI has submitted Interim Reports on the above mentioned inspections to the Ministry of Finance on 12.1.1996. As regards the Interim Report on issue of duplicate share certificates by RIL, Finance Ministry has answered Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 536 for 1.3.1996. A copy of the reply is enclosed as a statement *(See* below).

Interim Report on switching of shares, *inter-alia,* revealed the folio

Iii) It is seen from the submissions ot custodians that 67.30 lakh shares of RIL were switched. In respect of the above shares, it was noted that when the shares were lodged for transfer by the Custodians on behalf of their clients with RCS, the shares received back after transfer from RCS were different, with different distinctive numbers (DNRs) and/or transferors' names, However, from the submission of RCS, the total number of switched shares stood at 70.30 lakhs.

^ii) Unit Trust of India purchased a lot of 24 lakh shares of RIL through M/s

L.K. Paney on December 2, 1991. UTI also purchased another lot of 30 lakh shares of RIL through him on May 22, 1992. Out of the first lot of 24 lakh shares, 16.90 lakh shares were switched. As regards the second lot of 30 lakh shares, all the shares were switched.

*(*iii) For the lot of 22 lakh shares that were lodged for transfer by SHCIL, there were inordinate delays at every stage of processing of these shares by SHCIL from the date of receipt of these shares from the broker, their lodgement with RCS, and their processing after receipt from RCS.

(iv) There was also an inordinate delay in transfer by RCS. There was also a significant delay between the stated date of transfer by RCS of RIL shares and the date of despatch by RCS of the transferred shares to SHCIL.

The Department of Company Affairs and Securities and Exchange Board of India have initiated appropriate follow-up action for dealing the lapses and irregularities as contained in the Interim Reports under the provisions of Companies Act, 1956, SEBI Act, 1992 and Rules and Regulations under the SEBI Act. The inspections are still continuing and accordingly the final Reports are awaited.

Statement
Lok Sabha
Duplicate share certificates

536. SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES:
SHRI CHITTA BASU:
SHRI ARJUN SINGH YADAV:
SHRI HARIKEWAL PRASAD:
SHRI SRIKANTA JENA:
DR. S.P. YADAV:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have completed investigation into the printing of duplicate share certificates by Reliance Industries and some other companies;

(b) if so, the findings of the inspection/ investigation; and

(c) the action taken of proposal to be taken by the Government in regard thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (DR. DEBIPROSAD PAL): (a) Securities and Exchange Board of India assisted by officials from the department of Company Affairs has been conducting an inspection of the books, records and other related documents of M/s. Reliance Consultancy Services Ltd. (RCS) in connection with issue of duplicate share certificates of Reliance Industries Ltd. The Interim Report on this inspection has been submitted on 12.1.96. This inspection is still continuing.

(b) The main findings of the inspection as contained in the Interim Report are given in the annexure *(see* below).

(c) Securities and Exchange Board of India has recently appointed an Enquiry Officer under the Regulations on Registrar to an Issue and Share Transfer Agents for the purpose of issuing a show cause notice to Reliance Consultancy Services Ltd. It is also examining the desirability of making amendments to these Regulations in order to provide for an arms-length relationship between a company and its Registrar. Department of Company Affairs has also initiated appropriate follow-up action on the findings contained in the Interim Report.

Annexure

The main findings as contained in the Interim Report

(i) The interim inspection report has revealed that some duplicate share certificates has been issued while the Original share certificates were in existence which fact was very much in the knowledge of RCS.

(ii) The inspection report also reveals